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1. Bilting: The depth of water by buoys #1, #2 and #3 is not definitely established. Vessels approach using their own soundings. The depth of water alongside berths #5 and #6 has been increased to about 29 feet. The dredge Pungue was not in operation on 1 Jun 54.
2. Buoy Removal and Renumbering: Of the six buoys in Beira Harbor formerly numbered one through six from seaward, buoy #4 has been removed. It had interfered with the approach to the ore pier. The remaining buoys have been renumbered one through five with former buoys #5 and #6 becoming #4 and #5 respectively.
3. Sea Wall Reconstruction: Portions of the street in front of the Port Office on Chiveve Point were undermined and caved in at several points. Reconstruction of the bulkhead is under way and the new wall will be a solid bulkhead of interlocking steel plates or piles about one-half inch thick. It is understood that the area behind the wall will be at least partially filled in with reinforced concrete. At the time of this information, the launch landing on Chiveve Point could not be approached by launches at low water.
4. Berth Widening: A program is in progress to widen the wharf opposite berths #5 and #6 to almost double its present width at that end. Eventually it is expected that all berths on this wharf will have direct access to dry land opposite each berth. Filling in of the area behind the wharf is now going on.

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